THE DELIVERANCE OF JAGAI AND MADHAI

from *Sri Chaitanya-Bhagavata, Madhya-lila* Chapter 13

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CAST: Narrator, Haridas Thakura, Nityananda Prabhu, Householder, Jagai, Madhai, Lord Chaitanya.

SCENE ONE

Nityananda and Haridas Go Preaching

(On the streets of Navadvipa)

Narrator: The Lord's activities are unlimited. If Ananta Shesha with His unlimited hoods cannot describe the wonderful pastimes of Gaurahari, then what qualifications do I, a simple narrator, with one limited mouth, have to describe the Lord's pastimes? If I omit some pastimes of Lord Gaurahari, then I apologize to you, my nectar-seekers. Forgive me, for we are limited here to only a short period of time.

Once, on the instruction of the Lord, both Lord Nityananda and Haridas Thakura went door to door on the streets of Navadvipa, giving the nectar of the Holy Name to whoever they met. **(enter Lord Nityananda and Haridas Thakura)**

Haridas: My dear Lord Nityananda, Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has personally ordered us: "Whomever you meet, simply speak to him about Krishna." Surely there is no more fortunate position than to be preaching on the order of Lord Chaitanya!

Nityananda: Yes, Haridas, you are right. We must give out Lord Chaitanya's mercy. The fallen people of this age are all so tightly bound up in materialistic life. If we do not give them an opportunity to hear and chant the Holy Name of Krishna, they are destined for a hellish existence in their next life.

Haridas: Come! There is not a moment to waste! We must press on and visit a few more doors before nightfall!

Nityananda: Here is a house. Let us try this one. **(they knock on the door and a householder appears after some time. Lord Nityananda and Haridas both fall at his feet and begin to submit their plea to him)** My dear sir, please give up your sinful life, chant the Holy Names of Krishna and adhere yourself to the lotus feet of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu!

Householder: My dear friends, what you say may be right, but what can I do? All my hours are spent in maintaining family members... I have no time for religion!

Nityananda: You say you have no time but death may come at any moment, and you cannot say you have no time then! Listen, you do not have to neglect your family, but as a householder, it is your duty to free your family from the cycle of birth and death. Otherwise what is the use of simply filling their bellies? Even the animals can do that!

Haridas: This valuable human life is meant only for reviving our eternal relationship with Krishna. If you do this, by chanting the Holy Names and living a pure life, do you think the Supreme Lord, who is maintaining all living entities in the universe, will let your family starve?

Householder: I never thought about it like that before! You are quite right... I must not waste any more time! But how can I change my ways?

Nityananda: The first and foremost thing to do is to always remember Krishna by chanting His Holy Names. Now repeat after Me: *Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare / Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare.* If you always chant like this and live your life according to the principles of the *Bhagavad-Gita,* then you will very quickly develop your Krishna Consciousness, and you along with your family will become very happy and free from all anxieties!

Householder: Thank You! Thank You very much! I will certainly follow Your instructions, believe me!

Haridas: *Jai!* We will visit you again when we come back this way.

Householder: Now please, You have been so kind to me. I must repay You in some way... **(at that moment a horrible shouting and disturbing sound is heard offstage)**

Haridas: What on earth was that?

Householder: Oh, no! It's those two rogues, Jagai and Madhai again!

Nityananda: Who are they?

Householder: They are the meanest pair of dacoits who ever walked the land of Bengal! Nothing and no one is safe when they are on the loose! I'm going inside and bolting the door... I wouldn't wait around here if I were You!

Haridas: Perhaps we should avoid these two fellows. We do not want to cause any trouble.

Nityananda: Haridas, surely we must be merciful to these two fallen souls. For if they are delivered from their sinful ways, then the good name of Lord Chaitanya will be still more glorified! **(Jagai and Madhai appear, stumbling and falling around in a drunken condition.**

Shouting and swearing, they see an old man passing by)

Madhai: Here, Jagai! Look at this old man!

Jagai: Come on, Madhai, let's do him in!

Madhai: Yeah, I'll break his neck! **(they move in and begin to harass the old man. At that time, Lord Nityananda and Haridas fall at their feet and loudly implore the two rogues)**

Nityananda: My dear friends, please chant the Holy Name of Krishna and give up your sinful life! **(Jagai and Madhai are taken aback and the old man uses this opportunity to limp off stage)**

Jagai: What? Vaishnavas? Ugh! **(spits)**

Madhai: You're the scum of the earth!

Jagai: Come on, Madhai! Let's teach these fools a lesson!

Madhai: Yeah! Come here, you two! **(they give chase to Lord Nityananda and Haridas, who run for their lives)**

SCENE TWO

Lord Chaitanya Hears the Sankirtan Report

(In Srivasa Thakura's house, Lord Chaitanya is surrounded by His devotees)

Chaitanya: The essence of all Vedic knowledge is included in the eight syllables *Hare Krishna, Hare Rama.* This is the reality of all Vedanta. The chanting of the Holy Names is the only way to cross the ocean of nescience, and is the chief means of attaining love of Godhead. By humility and meekness one attracts the attention of Krishna. Therefore, if one becomes very humble and meek, he can easily attain the lotus feet of Krishna in this age of Kali. In this way, whatever one does in executing devotional service must be accompanied with the chanting of the Holy Name of the Lord. **(Lord Nityananda and Haridas Thakura enter)** Nityananda Prabhu! Haridas! What is the news of today's preaching work?

Nityananda: My dear Lord, by Your unlimited mercy, many fallen souls were delivered! **(Lord Chaitanya and other devotees all shout: *Jai! Haribol!*)** But there were two sinful rogues who would not listen to us. Somehow or other they avoided Your mercy, My Lord.

Haridas: Yes, dear Lord. These men were two demonic brothers named Jagai and Madhai. When we asked them to chant, they simply attacked us with filthy language and then chased us for miles. By Krishna's grace we narrowly escaped, but they would have killed us had we been

caught!

Nityananda: It is a great misfortune that they could not be given the mercy.

Chaitanya: My dear devotees! I am very pleased that you tried to deliver such a degraded pair of fellows. Actually, I know of these two brothers, Jagai and Madhai. Formerly they were good young boys named Jagannath and Madhava, born in a respectable *brahmana* family, but due to bad association they have become meat-eaters, woman-hunters and sinners of the worst kind. But do not be down-hearted! If at first you don't succeed, then try again... somehow or other, they may be delivered, for everything is possible by the grace of Krishna.

Nityananda: Yes! We will go to them again tomorrow and preach to them! By Your mercy, they will be delivered!

Devotees: *Jai! Haribol! Gaura Haribol!*

SCENE THREE

The Deliverance of Jagai and Madhai

(On the streets of Navadvipa. Jagai and Madhai are on stage arguing. Enter Lord Nityananda and Haridas)

Jagai: Hey look! It's those nonsense God-mongers again!

Madhai: What? Come back for more, have you? Well, take this! **(Madhai throws a piece of clay pot at Lord Nityananda, which appears to draw blood)**

Nityananda: It does not matter that you have done this; I still request you to chant the Holy Name of Lord Krishna!

Jagai: How astonishing! I have never seen such tolerance, Madhai! He must be a saintly person! **(to Lord Nityananda)** My dear sir, I am very sorry! Please forgive me and please pardon my brother!

Madhai: Hey, what's wrong with you, Jagai? You lost your brain? Out of my way, you fool, I'm going to teach this Vaishnava not to mess with me!

Jagai: **(trying to stop Madhai)** No, Madhai, don't do it!

Haridas: Nrisimhadeva! Nrisimhadeva! **(suddenly Lord Chaitanya appears in a fierce and angry mood)**

Chaitanya: How dare you hurt Lord Nityananda! I will destroy you for this! **(He raises His *chakra* weapon)**

Nityananda: **(stopping the Lord)** Wait, My Lord! Your mission is not to kill, but to deliver such rascals as this! If You kill these two rogues, then You

may as well kill all the people of this age, for they are all practically as fallen as these two! Please be merciful to them, I beg You!

Chaitanya: All right, I will spare you, but on one condition only: you must solemnly promise that from this moment onwards, you will give up all your sinful habits and take up the chanting of Krishna's Holy Names as your only shelter! **(the two brothers are both on their knees by now and they begin to beg the Lord)**

Jagai: Oh yes, my Lord, I'll do anything You ask! Anything!

Madhai: I'll turn over a new leaf, I promise!

Chaitanya: Come now, my dear friends, do not fear! Although you were most fallen, by the mercy of Lord Nityananda you have now become the most fortunate!

Jagai & Madhai: Oh thank You, My Lord! Thank You! **(Lord Chaitanya raises them up and embraces them)**

Nityananda: Dear Lord Gauranga, You are so kind to the Kali-yuga living entities, for although everyone is so sinful in this age, You are freely giving the highest benediction pure loving service to Krishna to anyone who simply takes shelter of Your lotus feet. Let's chant the Holy Names right now! ***(kirtan)*** *Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu ki jai!*

The End